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REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending, and are subject to restriction and election.

An election of species has been required in the Action at page 2. That election is from among the following groups:

Species I, drawn to a prepreg comprising a layer of fibers and the process of making the same (see Claims 1-21 and 33-39); and

Species II, drawn to a towpreg comprising a bundle of fibers and the process of making the same (see Claims 1-8 and 22-39).

For searching purposes only, Applicants elect Species I.

In addition, a restriction requirement has been advanced as set forth at page 3 of the Action. That restriction is from among the following groups, if Species I is elected.

- I. Claims 1-14, 18-19, 33-34, 36-37 and 39, drawn to a prepreg comprising a layer of fibers and a heat curable composition;
- II. Claims 16-17, drawn to a process for producing a prepreg comprising a layer of fibers; and
- III. Claims 15, 20-21, 35 and 38, drawn to a cured prepreg comprising a layer of fibers.

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If Species II is elected, the restriction is from among the following groups.

- I. Claims 1-8, 22-25, 29-30, 33-34, 36-37 and 39 drawn to a towpreg comprising a bundle of fibers and a heat curable composition;
- II. Claims 26, 31-32, 35 and 38 drawn to a cured towpreg comprising a bundle of fibers; and
- II. Claims 27-28, drawn to a process for producing a towpreg comprising a bundle of fibers.

Applicants elect with traverse to prosecute herein the claims identified for Species I, Group I; that is, Claims 1-14, 18-19, 33-34, 36-37 and 39.

Applicants submit however that no additional effort would be required and thus no drain on Patent and Trademark resources would occur with a search and examination of all the claims in one application. As such, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

Having made the above election, Applicants respectfully request a prompt and favorable examination of the subject application.

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